(b) if not, the various criteria followed by different IITs for recruitment to various categories of posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) The basis of recruitment to various posts through Open Selection is uniform in all the IITs. For all direct recruitments, positions are advertised and selections are made on the recommendations of the duly constituted Selection Committees.

Development of Anti-Submarine Torpedo

1951. SHRI SURESH PRABHU : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has successfully completed an indigenous development of anti-submarine torpedo which is an improvement on the Advanced Experimental Torpedo (AET); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to take off?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) The indigenous anti-submarine torpedo namely Advanced Experimental Torpedo (AET) is in the final stage of development. It is expected to be inducted into the Navy by 1999. Preplanned product improvement is a continuous process.

Srirama Sagar Project

1952. SHRI SUBRAHMANYAM NELAVALA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government prepared an ambitious plan to complete the Srirama Sagar Project and Srisailam Right Branch Canal under the Andhra Pradesh III irrigation project;

(b) whether the World Bank has sanctioned a loan of Rs. 1,300 crores for these projects;

(c) if so, the time likely to be taken to complete these projects; and

(d) the amount provided so far by the World Bank to the State Government for implementing these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Under the Agreement dated 3.6.1997 The World Bank has agreed to provide an assistance of US $ 325 Million for Third Andhra Pradesh Irrigation Project comprising of Srirama-Sagar Project and Srisailam Right Branch Canal subprojects. The credit closing date is 31.1.2003. So far no money has been utilized as the project is effective from 3.7.97.

Operation of Air India's Flight

1953. SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR :
SHRI HARADHAN ROY :
SHRI ANIL BASU :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are persistent demand to introduce direct flights from Calcutta to Hong Kong, Germany, Canada, Italy, USA, Indonesia and African countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the Air India's flights to the above countries are likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Requests are received from time to time for operation of direct flights from Calcutta to various international destinations.

(b) and (c) Currently Air India operates direct flights to Bangkok and Tokyo from Calcutta. Air India is at present unable to further augment international operations from Calcutta due to shortage of aircraft capacity. The situation is being monitored constantly and will be reviewed as and when additional capacity becomes available.

[Translation]

Rajiv Gandhi Shiksha Mission

1954. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the districts of Madhya Pradesh in which Rajiv Gandhi Shiksha Mission' is being implemented and the total financial provision made for each district for the year 1996-97, 1997-98;

(b) whether any evaluation has been made in regard to the work accomplished under the Shiksha Mission in the wake of the complaints to the effect that the purpose for which the mission had been started, is not being served and the financial provisions are being misused;

(c) whether the services of existing Primary and Middle School teachers are being availed for the programme meant for educating the adults under Rajiv Gandhi Shiksha Mission and as a result, the studies of boys and girls are being affected; and

(d) if so, whether the Government have formulated any scheme to improve the above condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Rajiv Gandhi Prathmik Shiksha Mission is the Society which is implementing District Primary Education

Programme (DPEP) in Madhya Pradesh. At present, the programme is being implemented in 19 Districts in the State of Madhya Pradesh. An additional 15 districts have been identified for coverage under the Programme. A statement showing the names of the Districts and the financial provisions made for each District under the programme during the Years 1996-97 and 1997-98 is annexed.

(b) Assessment of DPEP activities under Rajiv Gandhi Prathmik Shiksha Mission is periodically done by Joint Supervision Missions. As per reports of these Missions, the progress of implementation of DPEP in Madhya Pradesh is by and large satisfactory. The Government of Madhya Pradesh has informed that the question of misuse of funds does not arise. A comprehensive In-depth Review of the Programme is scheduled in September-October 1997. The accounts of the society for the years 1994-95 and 1995-96 have already been audited by the Chartered Accountant.

(c) and (d) The services of not only primary and middle school teachers, but also of all Government and non-Government persons who offered voluntarily without affecting their routine work were availed, hence studies of boys and girls remained unaffected.

Statement

Names of the Districts in Madhya Pradesh covered under District Primary Education Programme and the financial provisions made for the years 1996-97 and 1997-98.

S.No.	Name of the Districts	Financial Provision (Rs. in Lakhs) 1996-97	1997-98 (Proposed)
1	2	3	4
1.	Bilaspur	683.03	531.53
2.	Shahdol	585.77	655.51
3.	Mandsaur	466.43	457.03
4.	Ratlam	412.55	394.72
5.	Sarguja	730.38	536.94
6.	Raigarh	606.80	592.42
7.	Dhar	577.23	533.25
8.	Rewa	524.53	458.37
9.	Rajgarh	372.60	390.72
10.	Raisen	431.30	326.89
11.	Chhatarpur	445.83	415.98
12.	Guna	470.77	404.11
13.	Rajnandgaon	554.43	416.36
14.	Betul	404.50	365.78
15.	Sidhi	524.67	492.77
16.	Panna	271.62	255.64
17.	Satna	483.68	511.19
18.	Sehore	395.34	306.28
19.	Tikamgarh	356.65	405.89

List of additional districts to be covered under the Programme :

1. Mandla
2. Seoni
3. Shivpuri
4. Bhind
5. Morena
6. Bastar
7. Vidisha
8. Jhabua
9. Datia
10. Khargone
11. Dewas
12. Shajapur
13. Raipur
14. Khandwa
15. Damoh

(Financial provision for these districts is still under finalisation)

[English]

Four Lane and Bypass in Kerala

1955. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDARAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Kerala has made any request to accord priority for any four laning of any of the stretches on NHs in the State :

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Union Government thereto;

(c) whether there is any proposal from Kerala accord sanction for bypasses in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, The State P.W.D. has proposed 4 laning of selected reaches of NH-47 (total length 233.76 Km) during the 9th Five Year Plan which is yet to be finalised.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Construction of Kollam bypass (Phase-II) and Tellicherry Mahe bypass (Phase-I) on